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Hongkong, February 20, 1908.

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THE FOURTH DANCE of the Season

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MARCH 4, 1908.

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may be obtained from the Undersecretary.

A Late Lunch will leave Ferry Wharf

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JOHN J. BLAKE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1908.

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By permission of Lieut. Col. RAIR and

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Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, will

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Hongkong, February 21, 1908.

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NOTICE.

WE have admitted to PARTNER-

SHIP Mr CHARLES EDWARD

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January, 1908.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Shippers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1908.

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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH &

FOREIGN SHIPPING.

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BOOK for 1908-9, should notify the

Undersecretary on or before 25th February.

JOHN LAMBERT,

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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Hongkong, February 17, 1908.

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Central.

UNION COMMERCIAL INDO-

CHINOISE

Hongkong, February 14, 1908.

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NAVY CONTRACTS, 1908-9.

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E. I. OELSTHORPE,

Deputy Victualling Store Officer.

H. M. Naval Yard,

Hongkong, January 25, 1908.

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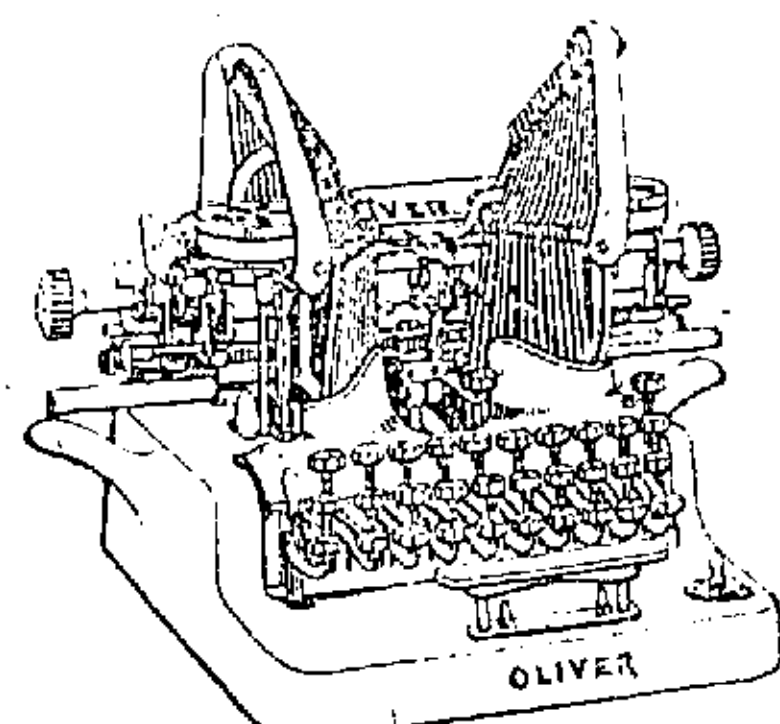
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Hongkong, October 31, 1907.

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Hongkong, August 21, 1907.

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A contemporary remarks: "The Earl of Limerick's appeal to 'Limerick' winners to hand over some part of their earnings to the charities of the city which gives its name to the popular amusement calls attention again to the enormous sums which have changed hands since the 'Limerick' competitions began in March last year.

It only 3 per cent. of 'Limerick' winnings went to Limerick's charities the amount would be considerable. The sums distributed by the principal papers organising these competitions have been to date:

"Pearson's Weekly"	£209,204
"News of the World"	57,600
"Answers"	34,978
"London Opinion"	31,062
"The Bits"	27,411
.....	£231,215

As in most cases 10 per cent. is deducted for the heavy expense of reading and sorting the 'Limericks' and dealing with the money received and paid out, this amount represents a total of over one-quarter of a million sent by 'Limerick' competitors to these five papers. Five per cent. on this would be £12,500.

During eight months of 1907 £520,930 more sixpenny postal orders were sold than in the six corresponding eight months of 1906. The Post Office is aware that there is at present no appreciable lessening of the demand. Sixpenny postal orders are still being bought at the rate of 2,130,000, or £33,000, per month.

THE DUKE OF PORTLAND.

The Real Story.

T. P. writes in "P. T. O.": The real story of the Duke of Portland is sufficiently curious in itself. Here is a man who is a Duke; who had previously been a member of the House of Commons; who belongs to White's and all the other prominent clubs of London; who is, therefore, a conspicuous personage in the eyes of the world; and suddenly—for no reason that the world knew—he throws it all up. If he had been a medieval Catholic he possibly would, like Charles V., have retired into a monastery, there in silence and solitude to do penance for the sins of his youth. As it was he became as much lost to the world as if he were in a cloister; and apparently he spent most of his time in devising means by which he should escape not merely the attention, but even the sight of his fellow-men.

Wellbeck Park, as we all know, has beneath it a whole town, almost as if it were a spot taken from the catacombs of Rome. In Harcourt House, in London, which isolated the house of the Duke almost as much from the public gaze and from public sight as if it were a castle on the Rhine which was isolated by a drawbridge, and nestling on a dark and inaccessible mountain top. Of all the duties of his great station—all the social possibilities or necessities that were open to him—of all the mighty and thrilling life of the busy nation to which he belonged—of that vast metropolis, a considerable portion of whose most valuable and beautiful space he owned—all of that he formed no part; he took no heed; he was utterly unconscious of the great world of men and women, whose great work was going on in their quiet and renewed order. It is a strange story, and the key to the enigma has not yet been found. Was it that he has some loathsome disease—leprosy as was suggested in the *Druce* trial; or some dark story; or was it merely one of those cases where great men are overtaken through many generations ends in one degenerate, cursed by the form of insanity which lies over the fairest prospects of fortune and station, and makes the Peer or the millionaire a more pitiful object than the beggar or the street Arab that whistles past him in his rags.

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Intimations.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1908, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th February, to TUESDAY, the 25th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to THE KOWLOON LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

Agents for the KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong, February 14, 1908.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary, at 2.30 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 10th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,

General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 11.30 a.m. on MONDAY, 2nd March, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1907, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th inst. to the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, February 19, 1908.

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THE HONGKONG MILLING CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, King's Buildings, at 12 o'clock Noon, on SATURDAY, the 7th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

A. H. KENNIE & Co.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, February 20, 1908.

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TENDERS are invited for the purchase of the GOODWILL of, including the plans and specification used in the business of an Architect and Civil Engineer established in Hongkong and Canton, and for 50 years past, until his recent death, carried on by the late, WILLIAM DANBY, M.L.C.

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Tenders to be received before the 14th March, 1908, by the Undersecretary, who will supply such further particulars as may be required.

WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Executors of the late Mr. W. DANBY,

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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Hongkong, February 13, 1908.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.
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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Meetings.
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-
po Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Ice Co.,
Ltd., close from this date to 2nd March,
inclusive.

Goods per *Tonkin* unclaimed after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 25—
11.45 a.m.—Meeting of The Kowloon
Land and Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s
Office.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Fire In-
surance Co., Ltd., close from this date to
10th March, inclusive.
Goods per *Benlue* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, February 26—
2 p.m.—Flower Show in Botanic Gar-
dens.

THURSDAY, February 27—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable House-
hold Furniture, &c., at No. 8, Caine
Road.
Goods per *Dahli* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 28—
Goods per *Andria* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Asia* undelivered after noon
this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 2—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 5—
Noon—Meeting of The China Fire In-
surance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

SATURDAY, March 7—
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Milling
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

TUESDAY, March 10—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong
Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs
Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Offices.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1908.

THE SUPREME COURT VACATION.

YESTERDAY we placed readers in possession
of the arguments advanced by His
Honour the Chief Justice in support of
the proposed extension of the Supreme
Court vacation. It is well, before con-
sidering these arguments in detail, to
make it clear that we have never taken
up the position that a judge should be
asked to perform an unreasonable
amount of work. On the contrary we
have repeatedly declared that, since it
was obvious that there was more work
than could be performed with a Bench
of the present strength, the Government
should lose no time in providing for the
appointment of an additional judge.
When, therefore, we state that we think
that Sir Francis Pigott has absolutely
failed to make out his case we must not
be misunderstood. We have no desire
to see the Chief Justice or anyone else
compelled to bear an almost unendur-
able strain upon body and mind. We
want to see him relieved from that strain
but at the same time we do not wish
to see the public suffer. In setting
out the history of the vacation the
Chief Justice mentioned that, prior to
the Ordinance passed in 1893, there was
no long vacation. This is not quite ac-

curate. In 1873 an Ordinance was passed
providing for a vacation of a month.
This Ordinance was in force until 1882
when it was superseded by an Ordinance
which made no provision for a vacation.
It is important to bear in mind the fact
that after an experience extending over
nine years the decision was arrived at
that a vacation was unnecessary. For
sixteen years, until 1898, there was
no vacation and, as His Honour tells us,
it was with the utmost difficulty that
the solicitors were in 1898 persuaded to
revert to the custom prevailing prior to
1882. This brief historical review
seems to us to furnish better arguments
for the abolition of the vacation than
for its extension. His Honour de-
clares that both sides of the profession
are dissatisfied with things as they are
and that the extension of the vacation
was agreed to after consultations with
the Bar and the leading solicitors. The
inference to be drawn is that both
branches of the legal profession are in
favour of the extension of the vacation.
We can assure the Chief Justice that
this is not so. If a ballot were held
among the solicitors of the Colony
to-morrow we are convinced that the
proposal would be rejected by a
large majority. It is an open secret
that the members of the Committee of
the local Law Society gave their assent
to the proposal without consulting the
members. Had the members been con-
sulted we believe that the Chief Justice
would have learned that the sense of
the majority of the solicitors of the
Colony was against the extension. The
matter is of sufficient importance to
warrant the calling of a special meeting
of the Law Society to define the attitude
of members on this question. If the
majority is against the proposal one of
the main props of Sir Francis Pigott's
arguments is knocked away. If the
Law Society does summon a meeting
shortly, as we would strongly recom-
mend it to do, it should take some action
in regard to the third judge question.
These matters are co-related and may
well be dealt with simultaneously. We
are informed that one reason advanced
to explain the failure to appoint another
judge is the fact that there is no court
for him. This is obviously an unten-
able reason. If it were necessary the
quarters at the Supreme Court now
occupied by the Attorney-General could
be used as a court. Accommodation for
the Attorney-General could be found in
any Chambers convenient to the court
—there are plenty available. If the
main obstacle in the way of the appoint-
ment of an additional judge is the diffi-
culty of housing him then that obstacle
can be dismissed as imaginary. It is
worth remarking that in London, in the
early part of the year, judges were sit-
ting in the vestibules and other places
because there was no regular court for
them. Mr Justice Edge, according to
Home papers, recently sat in a different
court each day of one week and he an-
nounced to the Bar that he had not the
shadow of an idea where he was to sit
the following week. Evidently difficul-
ties of this kind are not considered in-
superable at Home. The Law Society
might well make representations in the
right quarter of the immense boon it
would confer on suitors if they were
enabled to have their causes determined
without vexatious and expensive delays.
The appointment of another judge
would make an extension of the vacation
unnecessary—we do not, of course, ad-
mit that it is necessary in any event—
would enable causes to be despatched
with much more rapidity than at present
and, most important of all, would restore
to Hongkong the right of appeal which
is, in effect, denied in present circum-
stances. The possibility of securing
these signal advantages should, and
we have no doubt will, induce the Law
Society to adopt active measures with-
out delay.

A correspondent writes: Just as it
should be—To-day is the anniversary
of George Washington's birthday, and
the Lions appear at the Theatre Royal
this evening for the last time!

Honourable Government Medical
Officers are to change 85 to persons other
than members of the Civil Service for
certificates in connection with fitness or
unfitness for the performance of duty.

The Army Board at Peking is waking
up to the large numbers who are said
to have deserted from the army. An
order has been issued in which all the
Provincial authorities throughout the
empire have been ordered to discover
how many men during the last two
years have deserted from the army, and
all the constables and watchmen in the
country districts, who are supposed to
be familiar with the residents, are to be
enlisted in seeking out deserters and
having them arrested. It is worthy of
note, however, that the papers affirm
that if China is to prevent this leakage
she must at once set about giving the
people a constitution, so that the people
themselves may have an interest in the
army, and in this way this distressing
state of affairs may to an extent be
prevented. It is pointed out that ere
the West touched the East the old way
of doing things might suffice. But there
was nothing better known. But with
the Western soldiers, and then the
ideals of Western Government before
the people, the ordinary man is less
inclined to be a soldier than a-fortune-
teller, and if there is to be a new esprit de
corps in the army it can only come from
the establishment of a different kind of
Government more in harmony with the
aims of modern men.

Advice from Peking to hand in-
timate that the introduction of an
English column in the "Peking Daily
News," a Chinese newspaper of
immense influence and age, being
the organ of the members of the
Imperial family, has been announced.
The English editor, says an advertise-
ment which has appeared in Chinese
in that journal, is a man of the highest
education. So far the English side of
the paper has not yet appeared, and
we are therefore unable to state what
attitude it proposes to adopt. It being
the organ of high nobility, we presume
the introduction of English in the
paper is, as the Chinese say, for the
purpose of looking after Chinese
interests. For some time past there
has been a movement on foot for the
establishment by the Chinese Govern-
ment of an English paper—such a
paper having been considered absolute-
ly necessary to lead assistance during
diplomatic negotiations between China
and foreign Powers. From the time
Taotai Im Fu, who is an English
scholar of high standing, was mention-
ed as editor till the present announce-
ment of the appointment of an editor,
we have heard nothing about the
matter, and we presume the proposed
paper died a natural death. In the
matter of English literature in a
Chinese journal, the *Nanyangpo* of
Shanghai was perhaps the first
Chinese paper to be conducted at
all satisfactorily, though not without
creating unpleasantness between for-
eigners and Chinese in the Northern
settlement. However, being unable to
find supporters, the English columns in
that journal have since been discon-
tinued and, as the Chinese say, "in the
eyes of the public China is dumb for
want of a paper in a foreign language."

The French Mail of the 21st January
was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

The collections in St. John's Cathedral
to-morrow, will be given to the Electric
Lighting Fund.

The "Government Gazette" of to-day
shows that there are 130 unofficial and 61
official Justices of the Peace in Hongkong.

The single wide gauge between Dalny
and Mukden will be opened to traffic on
April 1st. The wide gauge to the entire
length of the South Manchurian Railway
is expected to be completed before July
next.

The "Shanghai Universal Gazette"
publishes a telegram from Canton to the
effect that Viceroy Chang Jen-chin has
contracted with a foreign firm in that port
for the purchase of a large quantity of
arms and machine guns for the use of the
troops of the Liangkhang provinces.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon,
to-morrow Holy Communion will be ad-
ministered at 8 a.m. The Right Reverend
the Bishop of Victoria will preach at the
11 a.m. service which the Chinese High-
landers will attend as their parish service. At 6
p.m. there will be evening prayer and a
sermon by the Rev. T. Sherwood Jones,
M.A., (Vicar of St. Martin's, Liverpool) and
temporary domestic chaplain to the Bishop
of Victoria.

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and druggists.

THE OPIUM CRUSADE.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, February 21.

Prince Ching and Chang Chih Tung
have had imperial instructions to see
that all prominent officials are not
smoking opium, and in the event of any
one being discovered who still retains
the habit, to degrade him in order to
set an example to other officials.

SHANGHAI WATCH CLUB.

Ivor Thomas Acquitted.

(From the Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 22.

The trial of Mr Ivor Thomas in con-
nection with charges arising out of the
working of the Shanghai Watch Club
of which he was manager, has extended
over four days and was concluded to-
day.

Mr Thomas was found to be guiltyless
of any offence against the law but the
judge, strongly condemned Mr H. J.
Black, the original promoter of the
Watch Club.

GENERAL STOESSEL.

It is interesting to note that there is in
the Colony to-day Mr B. Rustam Book
Tagoff the former Editor of the "Novo-
Kraie," who did good service as a Lieutenant
of Russian Cavalry in the late Russo-Japa-
nese War. Being attached to the staff of
General Stoessel during the Siege of
Port Arthur he had great opportunities
of seeing the General's conduct during this
period, and we propose to lay before
our subscribers on Monday an article giving
a short biography with a character sketch
of General Stoessel by the above Editor
and trust it will be welcomed as coming
from a responsible source and throwing
light on the judgment arrived at by the
special Court Martial in condemning
Stoessel to death.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT SER-
VICE AT HONGKONG.

Officially the Chinese Government is not
represented at Hongkong, but privately
there are Government agents and officials
who hold respective posts in the colony
and each man has his own duties to per-
form. From Chinese official reports, it is
announced that Tsoai Liang Yiu Chang
has been appointed, among others, an officer
to reside in Hongkong for the transmission
of the various official documents between
foreign countries and the province of
Chihli.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

According to the "China Times" of the
10th inst., Sir Robert Hart was then so ill
as to be confined to bed.

His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria
will preach at the Seaman's Church, West
Point, to-morrow evening at 6.30. Sailors
are cordially invited to attend.

Mr Murray Stewart has been elected
Chairman of the China Association here,
in place of Mr A. G. Wood, who has re-
signed on account of his approaching
departure from the Colony.

Mr. E. Bruce Hart, son and heir of Sir
Robert Hart, has been made full Commis-
sioner. He joined the I. M. Customs
service in 1894, and has been Deputy Com-
missioner in London since 1903.

A good number of gentlemen of the
medical profession leave here this afternoon
by the s.s. *Zafiro* for Manila where a
Medical Conference is to be held. Among
those on board are Drs Vassal, (Khatrang,
Annam) H. A. Cheng, F. Clark, Keik, H.
Black, H. Fraser, T. H. Hays (Siam),
and Y. D. Chester.

A memorial has been forwarded to the
Throne by the Wai-wu-pu requesting their
Majesties the Emperor Dowager and the
Emperor of China to decorate General
Chukoff in Harbin with a First Class grade
of the order of the Double Dragon, he
having settled many diplomatic questions
between China and Russia in a very amiable
and satisfactory way. The memorial has
been granted by Their Majesties.

We regret to announce the death of Mr
A. A. H. Boleha, which occurred in
Paris, whither the deceased had gone to
undergo an operation for tumor in the
side. Mr Boleha, accompanied by his
wife, left Hongkong on December 4. The
deceased gentleman has been long resident
in Hongkong, and for the past eleven
years was connected with the firm of
Messrs Barretto and Co., in which he was
a partner.

Among the passengers who arrived
yesterday by the P. and O. s.s. *Devarana*
were two of the oldest and most respect-
ed "China hands," the Venerable the
Archdeacon A. E. Moulton and Mrs Moulton,
who are proceeding to England on a well-
earned furlough. Ningpo has been their
headquarters, and their association with
Mid-China has extended over a period of
forty-seven years and the best wishes of
all will go with them for a safe and happy
return to the old country.

CRICKET.

A Match Abandoned.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 21.

The match between England and
New South Wales was abandoned owing
to rain rendering play impossible.

New South Wales in the second
innings scored 375 for nine wickets.
Thus New South Wales had 12 runs to
make to win with one wicket in hand.

RUMOURS OF WAR.

Reassurances From Russia.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 21.

An official statement has been made
at St. Petersburg that the alarming
rumours of an impending collision
between Russia and Turkey are quite
groundless.

Russia, the statement continues, has
not taken any extraordinary military
measures on the Turkish frontier, and
the relations between the two Powers
continue to be the friendliest.

BRITAIN AND THE UNITED
STATES FLEET.

(REUTER'S SERVICE.)

LONDON, February 20.

Washington advises that a draft
treaty, providing for a joint Commission
to adjudicate on existing minor claims
of the British and United States Gov-
ernments, and of their respective
citizens, has been delivered to Mr
Bryon for the consideration of Great
Britain.

JAPAN IN MANCHURIA

America Neutral.

LONDON, February 20.

The Washington report that Pres-
ident Roosevelt, at the instance of
China, is about to issue a protest against
the policy of Japan in Manchuria, is
emphatically denied.

It is declared that Japan's control of
Manchuria is more hurtful to Great
Britain, Germany, and other nations
whose trade in the Orient is larger than
that of America. A protest from these
would not surprise the United States,
but would only receive the latter's
moral support.

It is admitted that the United States
is losing its foothold in the Orient;
owing largely to Governmental inter-
ference with the railways, which is
leading to a discontinuance of certain
trades.

THE SEIZED STEAMER.

Portuguese Demand.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, February 21.

Following the demand of the Japa-
nese Minister for the release of the *Tatsu*
Maru II, the Portuguese Minister has
notified the Waiwupu that the action on
the part of the Canton authorities in
seizing the steamer directly disturbed
the sovereign rights of Portugal, as the
vessel was within Portuguese waters
when seized.

The Portuguese Minister has asked
the return of the arms and ammunition,
and the release of the vessel.

The Viceroy's Attitude.

Viceroy Chan Jen-chun has ap-
proached Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng
many times in connection with the seized
vessel and asked the ex-diplomat's opinion
as to the various diplomatic points. Sir
Chen Tung has given a few hints but
refused to accept responsibility.

The Viceroy is reported to be very firm
in the matter, and in reply to the various
representations and demands from the
Japanese and Portuguese consular authori-
ties, he has stated that pending an official
enquiry to be held, neither the arms nor
the vessel would be restored, and as the
case was one under the jurisdiction of the
Canton Government it would be only
referred to Peking in the event of no
satisfactory decision being come to.

At present the case is in the hands of
the Customs awaiting an official enquiry.
No fixed date has yet been announced for
the official enquiry.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE CHILDREN.

At this season of the year the first un-
natural looseness of a child's bowels
should have immediate attention. The
thing that can be given is Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
followed by castor oil as directed with each
bottle of the remedy. For sale by all
chemists and druggists.

THE TEST MATCH.

England Batting Well.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, Feb. 21, 6.45 p.m.

J. B. Hobbs was joined by G. Gunn after the tea adjournment. The pair opened steadily, Hobbs being the first to display any freedom, but his example was soon followed by the Notts professional and runs came freely.

Both were still undefeated when stumps were drawn for the day, the score being 116 for one wicket—Hobbs 55 and Gunn 50.

Of the English bowlers S. F. Barnes took seven wickets for 60 runs—a good achievement—and J. N. Crawford three for 52.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Gunn In Form.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Sydney, February 22, 2 p.m.

When the English batsmen resumed their places at the wickets this morning the weather was showery and the attendance necessarily suffered.

Hobbs only added seven to his overnight score of 65 when he was dismissed. Gunn, however, by careful play, kept his wicket intact and assisted by Hutchings carried the score past the Australian total of 137.

Hutchings was unable to pass the unlikely number 13 and with that number of runs to his credit he was sent pavilion wards.

At the tiffin adjournment Gunn was not out 77 and the score stood at 168 for three wickets.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

Sydney, February 22, 4.5 p.m.

Play has been suspended owing to rain. Gunn is 77 not out and Hardstaff 17 not out, the score being 187 for three wickets.

The Scores are:—

AUSTRALIA.

First Innings.

C. G. McCartney	1
M. A. Noble	35
J. O'Connor	2
C. Hill	12
S. E. Gregory	44
W. W. Armstrong	10
V. Trumper	3
V. Ransford	11
P. Hartigan	1
J. V. Saunders	0
H. Carter, not out	1
Sundries	10
Total	137

Bowling.

W. R. AVER.	
S. F. Barnes	7 for 60
J. N. Crawford	3 " 52

ENGLAND.

First Innings.

F. L. Fane	0
K. L. Hutchings	13
J. B. Hobbs	72
G. Gunn, not out	77
J. Hardstaff, not out	17
Sundries	8
Three wickets for	187

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society last evening Bishop Lander presided, and the following committee was elected for the ensuing year on the motion of the Rev. F. T. Johnson and the Very Rev. Archdeacon Banister: Messrs. Banister, Bunbury, Clayson, France, Hipwell, Tompkins, Misses Eyre, Fletcher, Johnston, Messrs. J. Beck, A. Bryer, G. Flory, Crowther Smith, and the clerical members.

His Lordship the Bishop spoke on Anglitan mission work in China, and was followed by the Very Rev. Archdeacon Moulton, who contended that England must lead in the suppression of opium.

THE LIARS.

Another flattering reception was given to the members of the Amateur Dramatic Club, who are engaged in producing "The Liars" at the Theatre Royal, last night, the large audience being very enthusiastic and liberal in applause. The leading characters (Mrs. W. Logan, Mr. H. L. Hutchinson, Mr. J. Robertson and Mr. A. Chapman) were exceedingly well sustained and another distinct success was scored. Mr. M. S. Northcote was even better than on the previous evening, while Mrs. van der Woude showed to great advantage, particularly in the third scene, when the "possibilities" were discussed.

In his role of Gorgon Nepean, Mr. C. T. Deane naturally attracts the sympathy of the audience, and his funeral manner was just what was required to complete the character. Lieut. Commander Dickens' representation of the waiter at the Star and Garter Hotel showed that a great deal of care has been lavished on the character and the result is capital. Mrs. Clithier's (Dolly Coke) plaintive request to know where she herself dined and her nuchalant air when telling her story to Gilbert Nepean were well suited to the role she undertook, and her husband's (Major Broke) virtuous indignation at the very idea of joining in such a disgraceful scheme was well simulated. Mrs. O. D. Thompson's (Mrs. Grosvenor) gentle sarcasm was very effective and she played up well to the principals. Miss Chapman had little to do as the maid, but that little she did extremely well, being at her best when she called for Lady Jessica at the Star and Garter. Mr. P. Ne-litt, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. Butten, as Tapin, the Footman, and Gadsby respectively sustained their roles well and aided in no small measure to the success of the performance. The scenery deserves more than passing comment. It was well ahead of anything which has yet been seen on the local stage and Messrs R. Sutherland and J. Robertson have every reason to be proud of their work. Messrs White and Gird of Messrs Powell, Ltd. superintended the arrangement of the furniture, curtains, etc. The play will be repeated to-night and those who have not yet decided to go should not miss this opportunity.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Annual Report.

Last evening a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial, Netherdale, Alice Memorial Maternity and Ho Min Ling Hospitals was held at the Alice Memorial Hospital, the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown presiding. Among the others present were Dr. R. Macdonald Gibson (Secretary), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. Duncan Clark, A. Rumbold, M. Watson, S. W. Tso, Chou Leung-chue, P. Van Tsin and Hu Choo.

Messrs D. W. Craddock, A. S. D. Constand, J. W. C. Bonnar, A. Turner and E. S. Kadoorie were elected members of the Finance Committee on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Rumbold. The Secretary stated that the ordinary donations during the year had been \$10,300 as compared with \$8,700 for the preceding twelve months. The Hospital Sunday collection had realised \$111 more than the previous year but they hoped the return would get up \$700 in preceding years. The special donation of \$4,000 from the Chinese procession fund helped them to show a respectable balance sheet. It was a matter for regret that there should be a debit balance of \$1700.

The report and balance sheet were adopted on the motion of Mr. Rumbold seconded by Mr. Tso.

Mr. H. R. Phelps was appointed Hon. Treasurer on the proposal of Mr. Watson seconded by the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

Votes of thanks to the committee of the Chinese procession fund with special mention of Messrs Ho Kom-tong and Chau Suk-ki, to Messrs Chun Chik-yue and Chan Kang-yu, and to Mr. David Wood, were passed.

The Chairman said that Dr. Gibson must have experienced mixed feelings in giving his report. The work of the hospitals was increasing in usefulness but the fact that the ordinary revenue fell \$24,500 short of the expenditure was disconcerting. He was sure, however, that many who did not now subscribe to the funds would do so if they were asked. He thought figures were always more eloquent than words, and he had noted the following figures from the report, which would show the growth of the hospital. In the ten years ending 1897 the average number of in-patients was 732; for the five years ending 1902 this rose to 814, and in the five years ending 1907 to 876. The out-patients showed a corresponding increase from 9000 up to 12,000, and finally to 16,000. The opening of the Maternity Hospital had gradually increased their work, and consequently their expenditure. The number of ladies in hospital in 1905 was 45; last year there were more than double this number, or 100. Outside last year 22 patients were attended, whereas this year the number was 114. Dr. Sobres must have felt proud when she reflected that she had presided over the inauguration of the maternity work in Hongkong, and her name would be so prominently connected with this work as long as it proceeded (applause). The speaker regretted that he would not be able to be of much help to the committee in meeting the deficit this year, as he would be shortly leaving the Colony, but anything he could do during the short time he was here he would be very pleased to (applause).

Dr. Ho Kai moved and Mr. Clark seconded that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Brown and that he be elected Chairman for the coming year.

The motion was agreed to and after the Chairman returned thanks the meeting closed.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The long debated question relating to the registration according to the newly revised commercial laws of China of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company is at last settled. The great trouble which has prevailed during the past two years, owing to the non-registration in the Board of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce of the company has retarded progress and was responsible for the conflict between sections of the shareholders of the Chan Yang party and those of the Seventy-two guilds and Nine Charitable Institutions.

With Sir Chen Tung Liang Chong at the head of the Railway Company the question of the registration of the company seems to have been properly arranged. A wire has arrived from the Board of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce recognising the Nine Charitable Institutions and the Seventy-two Guilds as promoters of the Company, and the same have been duly registered. In the meantime the shareholders belonging to the Chan Yang party were anxious because fears have been entertained that with the Company properly registered and with the money in the hands of Chan Yang Yee and Yang Sai Ngan not having been paid into the Company their shares might not be recognised. These shareholders are reported to have started law suits in the Courts of Hongkong claiming the recovery of the money paid to Chan and Yang, and developments of the case are awaited by the majority of the shareholders with much interest.

In regard to other matters of the Company, Sir Chen Tung Liang Chong is very confident that now that the Company has been registered and Lo Po Shan and others have been recognised by the shareholders as the proper persons for the safe-keeping of the funds of the Company, no further trouble is anticipated to delay further progress, and as the formation of a Railway Bank has been considered the most imperative step to be taken to restore confidence, repeated communications have been made to Lo Po Shan, of Hongkong, who is the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to proceed to Canton at the earliest possible moment to make the necessary arrangements for the starting of the bank. Opinions vary as to whether the bank should be started before a second call has been made or otherwise. The still requires consideration. But the opinion of the public as far as we can gather from the native press, is that what the majority of the shareholders have long looked for is a report as to how the work has proceeded and what amount of money which was reported to have been misappropriated, has actually been misused, and what steps have been taken or are proposed for its recovery, and some information generally relating to the company's affairs for the past two years.

Unless this is forthcoming the mere subsistence of an extension among the shareholders, and the announcement of the formation of the bank coupled with the proper registration of the company, will not help to give the shareholders the amount of encouragement to pay up their calls with such alacrity as was expected in connection with the first call. It should be remembered that at the time the first call was made, the people were excited because their representative Lai Kwok Lim was arrested and the subscriptions so suddenly paid amounted in all to \$8,000,000.

CHARGE AGAINST VICEROY SHUM.

In Collision With Reformers.

Censor Li Cheuk-wa has brought a remarkable charge against Viceroy Shum, and has appealed to the throne, to have the charge investigated. The gist of the count is that when the Viceroy was in charge in Kwangtung, he degraded several of the lesser officials—in Kwangtung ten, and in Kwangsi seven—and that the motive for this drastic action was by no means single. It was in fact an act moved by a desire of private revenge. At that time the Magistrate that ruled at Nam Hoi, was Pui King-fuk. In discharging his duties he was in collision with the traitors Fong Yan-wei, and Loung Kai-chiu. As soon as Shum suspected that the Nam Hoi Magistrate had learnt the secret, and knew of this correspondence, although the documents were at once burned, the Viceroy, fearing what Pui King-fuk might divulge, dismissed him from his post. At the same time he dismissed others with him, as reported above.

The censor brings forward these alleged facts and asks the throne to examine into the matter, both to reinstate those who have been wrongly dismissed, and also to discover whether there is any grounds for the suspicion that Shum was really in collision with the two traitors. It is said that the authorities at Peking have ordered that the examination shall take place. The confirmation at Canton, however, seem to show that the desire of revenge on the part of the unfortunate Nam Hoi Magistrate has prompted the action, and moved the censor to make the charge. Every one knows that when Pui King-fuk was cashiered, the people generally were glad. What truth there may be in the allegations that Viceroy Shum was in collision with the two Reformers can now hardly be made clear, as the documents are all destroyed. But rumour has it, according to the reports, that the retirement of Shum into private life is the result of this suspicion, at which, when the Empress Dowager expressed her anger, Shum was angry. Altogether the episode is a good commentary on Chinese official life, and shows how suspicious are harboured, and how in later years they are apt to renew their life, and also to produce results as do the men planning for those against whom they are cherished.

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COMMERCIAL.

There is "nothing to report on the exchange market. Business is firm."

The New Zealand Insurance Company's losses in the recent conflagration at Christchurch (N. Z.) amount only to £10,500.

The natives of Yunnan have memorialized the Government for permission to raise money from the land taxes to redeem the French railway in that province.

The Viceroy of Hukuan has engaged a Japanese engineer to construct the So-chuan-Hankow railway. He has left Wuchow to survey the route from Hankow to Shasi and Ichang.

A dollar's worth of native rice at Canton is 14 cetties as compared with 18 cetties a month ago; foreign rice is obtainable at \$1 for 20 cetties, as compared with 22 cetties last month.

The prospectus of the Palace Hotel Company (Hankow) Ltd. has been issued at Shanghai. The capital is Hankow Taels, 250,000 divided into 10,000 shares of Tls 25 each. The first issue is 8000 shares.

Applications for shares in the Palace Hotel Company (Hankow) Ltd., will be received until February 25. The capital of the company is to be Tls. 250,000, made up of 10,000 shares of Tls. 25 each.

The piece-goods market looks steady. Most holders of stocks are now clearing fairly rapidly, and when heavy stocks are got rid of business tends to brighten to a degree that has not been experienced for some years past.

The labourers of the Amoy railway have been on strike for an increasing time. The men seized a number of dynamite cartridges with a view to blowing up the railway factories and other buildings, but the authorities kept order by the use of troops. A number of the ringleaders have been arrested.

A notice appears in the "Gazette" requesting Managers, Secretaries and other officers of Companies whose duty it is to furnish annual returns of shareholders to the Registrar of Companies to be added to the names of Chinese shareholders appearing in the returns the Chinese characters for such names. (See 6)

A gigantic scheme for the development of the Chinese shipping industry first on inland water and then abroad, has been proposed as the result of an investigation by the Imperial Government Commissioner. He has reported that nine-tenths of the shipping industry on the inland waters is in the hands of foreigners. The scheme includes measures to be taken to assist foreign shipping in the Yangtze and West rivers, and along the coasts.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs Cawson, Pallaioo and Co's yarn report is as follows:—Since the issue of our last report on the 7th instant, the same improved aspect of the market has been perceptible, and a good business has been done during the interval. The Chinese dealers have been making small but continuous purchases, and some spinners are quoted as having their hand in mail orders. Consequent on the absence of many new constituents from the interior after the recent New Year festivities, there appears to be a lack of usual strong activity. However, a good clearance is being effected, and favourable reports from Bombay together with small imports from Kanton and Delhi amount to about 7,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and Northern Ports are estimated at about 29,000 bales.

Japanese Yarn:—Sales of 215 bales of No. 20s. at \$118 to \$136 per bale are reported.

Local Mills:—350 bales of No. 10s. at \$91 per bale have been sold.

SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 21st February, Messrs Vernon and Smyth state:—

The anticipated improvement in business after the holidays appears to be a plant of but slow growth, and although rates remain steady we have but little business to report. The disturbed condition of the political horizon in Europe has doubtless had a great deal to do with the somewhat slack week we have to report upon, but with the exception of the money on the market, a better result might reasonably have been expected, although it is a question how much of such money was available for investment. The market, however, although closing a selling one, remains fairly steady, and only wants a small demand to show a substantial improvement in most stocks, as there does not appear to be any selling pressure, and holders are not at all likely to force their shares on the market. Exchange on London T. T. 1/10 1/4.

Bank:—Hongkong and Shanghai, after the payment of the dividend of \$22,000 on the 17th inst, were quoted at \$700, and a few small sales were effected at that rate. The market however has been a selling one, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in Europe, and but little business has been transacted. At time of closing shares are still on offer at \$700. National Bank unchanged and without business.

Marine Insurance:—With the exception of small sales of Unions at \$850 we have no business nor changes to report under this heading.

Fire Insurance:—China has changed during the week at \$97, and close with small buyers at that rate. Hongkong have ruled rather weaker on the report that the dividend will be \$27, but with a considerably larger amount placed to reserve than was anticipated last year. Sales are probably obtainable at the rate.

Shipping:—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have ruled rather weaker, and small sales have been effected at \$30, 20 1/2 and 20 1/4, the market closing with some small buyers at the latter rates. Indo-Chinese

remain unchanged and without business. Star Fairs are required, for at quotations, but no shares are available. Shell Transport and Trading Co. has been in sympathy with a fall on the London market to 45 1/2. We have no business to report in this stock, and the rate may be considered a nominal one. We have nothing further to report under this heading improved to 10. References:—China Sugars, on rumours of better prospects, have been in some demand, and in the absence of sellers the rate has improved to \$12 1/2 buyers, and it is probable that a slightly higher rate would be paid. Luzon continue without change or business.

Mining:—Rauha, have been dealt in at various rates, from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2, the market closing quiet at 8, a more or less nominal rate. Charbonnages have advanced to \$525 by buyers, but shares are scarce in the East, and we have no business to report. Chinese Engineering have improved to 10 without any local business. Langkate, after touching 440 in Shanghai, are now quoted at 420.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue neglected and out of favour, and we have only a small sale at 98 to report, the market closing with sellers. Shanghai Docks have improved to 85 cash, and sales have been made for June at 87 1/2. New Amoy Docks are unchanged and without business. Kowloon Wharves have changed hands in fair lots at 55 and 56 for old and 63 for new lots, the market closing with sellers of old at 60 and of new at 64. The Hongkong Wharves in Shanghai have ruled between 215 and 215 1/2 closing at the latter rate.

Lands, Hotels, and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands continue quiet, and we have heard of no business. The market closing quiet in number, but as in none of the other classes, the market is slightly weaker, with sellers at 104, in place of the buyers reported last week. We have heard of no sales in this stock. West Point continue a dead letter.

Consols:—Evros have advanced in the North to 58, and Hongkong have declined locally to 9 1/2, further than those we have no change or business to report under this heading.

Miscellaneous:—China Borneos have changed hands at 150. The statement of accounts of this Company for the 31st December last, just issued, shows a profit of \$101, 202 1/2, for the year 1907, which, after deducting the debit of the working account of 1906, leaves a balance at credit of \$82,756.00. Watsons have been placed at \$101 and \$10, closing with buyers at the latter rate. Powells have also found buyers at \$5. Electrics, after small sales at 14 1/2, close in demand at that rate. Ropes are required for at 25, but no shares appear available.

HOW TO GUARD AGAINST CONSUMPTION.

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FIRE AT CANTON.

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(From Our Correspondent.)

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On the night of 19th instant a fire broke out at the house of a firm dealing in foreign goods in Wai Oi Street, Canton, resulting in the destruction of seventeen houses. No loss of life is reported.

"THE DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE" FOR 1908.

The right-hand man of every man in the Far East is the Directory and Chronicle and it has now reached the forty-sixth year of publication. The 1908 edition is to hand, and the increasing bulk of the book, by reason of the natural growth in the European population of the East, has hitherto made the publishers hesitate to introduce a new feature which appears this year—an alphabetical list of firms and professions appended to the usual Directory lists of the various cities included. The growing number of firms in some of the larger commercial centres of the East has rendered classified lists a necessity, and we believe the attempt the publishers have made to meet this need will be very generally appreciated.

The only additions to the already long list of places covered by the Directory are the Manchurian trade centres which have been opened in accordance with agreements made by China with the United States and with Japan. These trade centres are eighteen in number, but as in none of them—excepting Mukden and Antung—are there as yet any European commercial houses, the names of these centres are merely mentioned under the general heading of "Manchurian Trade Centres," excepting Mukden, which has so far developed as to require a couple of pages. Of the Directory lists in general little requires to be said excepting that they have undergone the necessary revision and the descriptions and trade statistics of the various ports have been brought up to date, so far at least as, in the case of statistics, the latest official returns will permit.

Among the additions to the Chronicle portion of the book may be mentioned the China and Japan (Amendment) Order in Council 1907; the Russo-Japanese Railway Conventions 1907; the Treaty between France and Siam 1907; the new Arrangements between Great Britain and Russia to respect the territorial integrity of Tibet; the new tables of Consular and Marriage Fees to be taken in China and Corea, and the Imperial Chinese postal tariff.

A London contemporary reviewing last year's edition remarked that the printing and binding were worthy of a first-class London House. Of the present edition we may say there has been no falling off in that respect. It only remains to be said that the price is as heretofore, viz. \$10 for the complete set and \$6 for the abridged edition, and the book is now procurable in all the ports which this comprehensive volume embraces, from Vladivostok to Netherlands India.

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NO ACCOUNTS.

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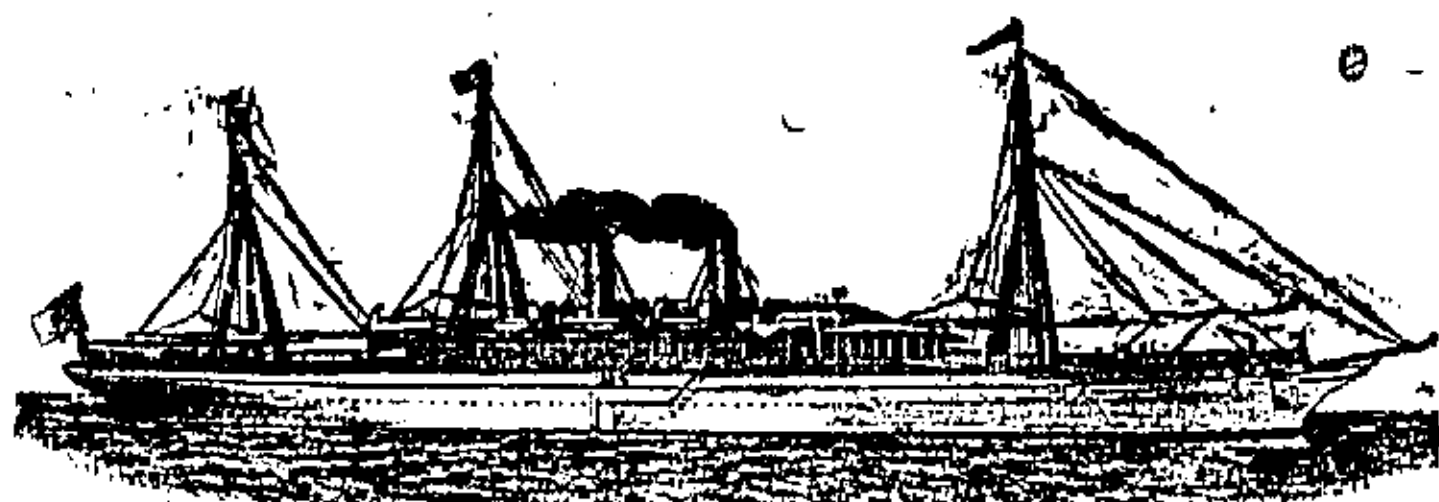
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EMPIRE OF CHINA	THURSDAY, Mar. 26	May 25
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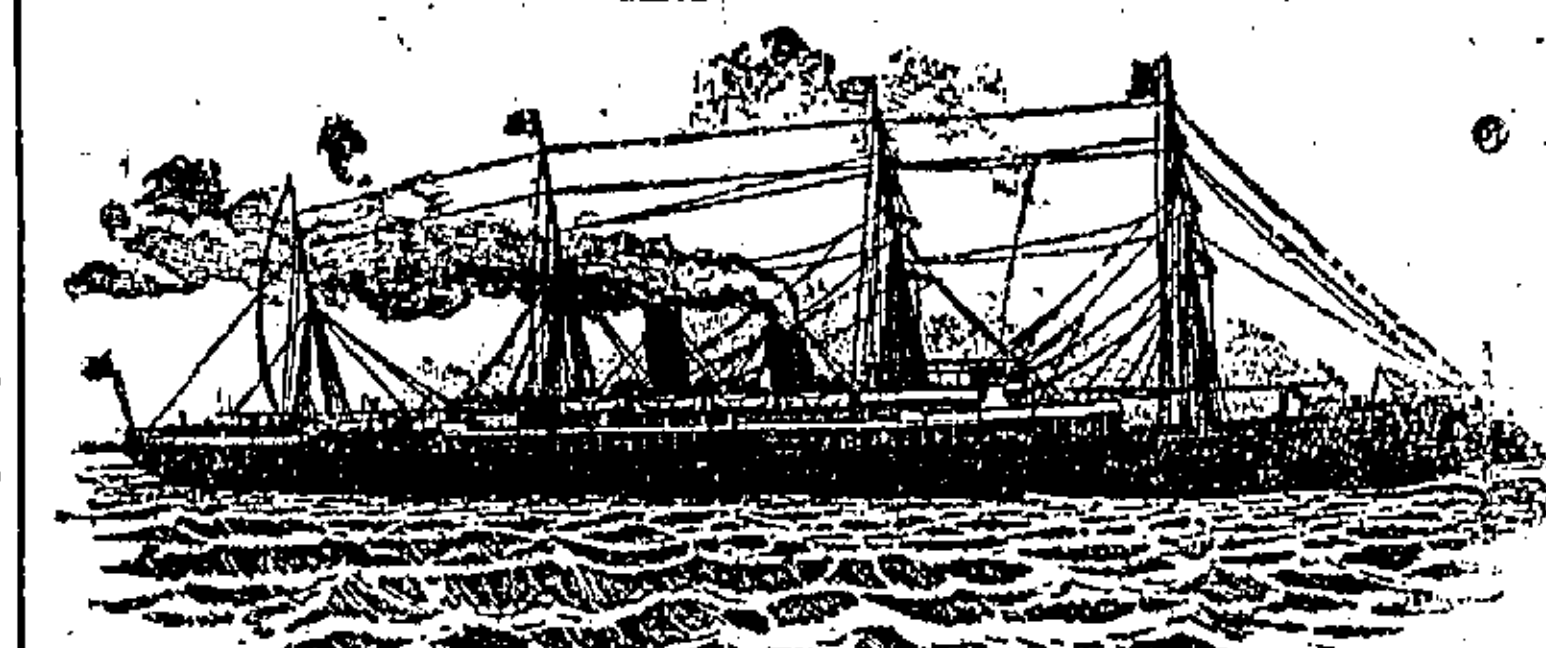
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KOREA	18,000 " " FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000 " " SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
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CHINA	10,200 " " SATURDAY, 26th April, at Noon.
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